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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

1 Reproduction accuracy of, for example a digital stereo audio signal, is
2 improved by transmitting sample data as sub-signals such as frequency subband
3 signals. In one or more subbands, corresponding components such as left and
4 right stereo channels are combined so that only one composite signal is
5 transmitted per subband. An indicator signal is transmitted, indicating which
6 subbands are combined. Scale factor signals for all subbands, and for the
7 relative intensity of the respective subband signals which were combined, may
8 also be transmitted. In the receiver a subband signal is derived for each
9 channel from the composite signal, before synthesis of the full channel signals
10 which will be reproduced.